Justin Tevis

I'm Justin Tevis, 2009 Santa Barbara City Council candidate.

I'm a lifelong native of Santa Barbara County. I grew up surfing our coastal waters and participating in the local sports leagues. I have served as a coach and youth mentor around the community.

Like many of you I'm concerned about the future of Santa Barbara.

I am tired of sitting back and watching career politicians spend taxpayers' dollars irresponsibly, and then passing the burden of the budget back onto the Santa Barbara citizens.

It's time that we get back to the basics in terms of having a local government that focuses on basic infrastructure, makes our roads drivable, our bike lanes safe, our beaches clean, and makes this a prime tourist destination in the entire world!

To do that, we need to stop this unsustainable budget deficit spending on government excess and allow Santa Barbara's independent spirit to prosper and progress.

We must reprioritize law enforcement—and stop focusing on revenue generators that scare away tourists and get serious on violent criminals. We do have a gang problem here in Santa Barbara that needs to be addressed by strong leadership. I feel that I provide that leadership.

We must restore downtown to its former glory by making it friendly to businesses and consumers, allowing the sales tax revenue to regenerate itself via the natural business cycle. We must also preserve Santa Barbara's unique small town cultural identity, and keep big projects 100 miles away in L.A.

I love Santa Barbara and so do you. A vote for Tevis is a vote for Freedom.

That means freedom from an insolvent city government run by overzealous politicians with special interests agendas.

Freedom from redline spending on the city council that is not accountable to the people.

Freedom from unsafe streets and violent criminals that roam free.

Freedom from being a target of revenue generation for the city. And, most of all,

Freedom to have a say in our local city government process, as I will work to listen with the citizens of Santa Barbara and what their vision is for city government.

I'm Justin Tevis and I hope to have your vote for Santa Barbara City Council.